

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 21, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 21, 2012 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 19, 2012 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held December 11, 2012 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 11, 2012 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

Several county employees spoke with the board about weather related closing of the county offices. It was mentioned that better communication is needed so employees know what to do. Employees that were able to get to the courthouse on Thursday were met with no place to park and no way to get into the courthouse without climbing over the mounds of snow left by the city clean up. It was suggested that a late start would give the employees an opportunity to get out of their driveways, etc and also give the city crews more time for snow removal. It was also suggested that maybe the city could leave an opening in the snow bank so that employees could at least get in the south parking lot. This would give employees a place to park, access to the courthouse and keep the vehicles off the street allowing city crews to do their job more easily. The board told the group that they would consider the proposal and discuss this later.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that bridge work has been completed on the project with Nuckolls county and is continuing on the project by Harvard. Tom reported to the board that one of the dump trucks hauling sand had gone into the ditch on Thursday. Reports will be filed with NIRMA. Tom told the board that claims for the bridge work that had been completed so far would be presented for payment; funds will need to be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Anderson to adopt Resolution #12-18 transferring \$192,746.83 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road Fund. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-18

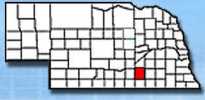
The Clay County Board of Supervisors find that it is necessary for the proper operation of Clay County government that certain funds be transferred in order that they be available for Road projects.

Whereby it is hereby resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$192,746.83 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road Fund as a loan to be paid back when funds are available.

Adopted this 21st day of December 2012

ATTEST: Deborah Karnatz
Clay County Clerk

Ivan Fintel
Chairman Clay County Board of Supervisors



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The proposal from Kirkham Michael for engineering services was discussed. The proposal for 2013 is an hourly rate of \$105.00 per hour for 1 person survey crew, \$165.00 per hour for registered land surveyor, \$138.00 per hour for project manager, \$130.00 per hour for design engineering, \$145.00 per hour for structural engineering, \$70.00 per hour for technical personnel, \$95.00 per hour for drafting, \$55.00 per hour for clerical, plus direct project related expenses. These rates will increase two percent for the year 2014.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Johnson to accept the proposal from Kirkham Michael for professional on call engineering services for 2013-2014. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Two easements were discussed.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to approve the easement requested by Tom Shane for an electric line and a natural gas line across Road 306 from the NW ¼ Sec. 11-T5N-R7W to SW ¼ Sec. 2-T5N-R7W for the purpose of irrigation to run well with motor & pivot – agricultural use only. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to approve the easement requested by Linus & Neil Cloet for an electric line across Road P from the SE ¼ Sec. 32-T8N-R6W to SW ¼ Sec. 33-T8N-R6W for an electric well — agricultural use only. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried

Advertising for bids for the asphalt overlay projects was discussed. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to advertise for county wide asphalt overlay project; bids to be opened January 22, 2013 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

The road work report was not available at this time due to printer problems. Tom will come back later with the report.

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator told the board that Verizon had contacted him wanting to go up another 60 foot on the new tower they would like to install.

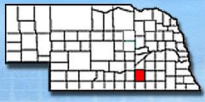
Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to preliminarily approve the request from Verizon to build a 240 foot monopole Verizon tower. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

Loren reported that he had found a Gator at Federal Surplus for \$2500.00 which is the delivery cost from overseas. He said the Sheriff said he could use it for several things. Loren said it could be used for Old Trusty Days as well as other community events and that the custodian could also use it to haul things. Since the Sheriff paid for all the rewiring in the EM office, Loren has money in his budget to purchase this.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to approve the purchase of a John Deer Gator from Nebraska Federal Surplus Property for \$2500.00. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Loren reported that he had received a quote from Communication Services Inc. to reinforce the current tower at a cost of \$4,570.00. This cost will be covered by a grant.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff 's office called on Thursday to say that due to the severity of the storm he would not be able to meet with the board today.



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A letter from O'Keefe Elevator Company, Inc. regarding the backup battery that needs to be replaced in the courthouse elevator. The proposed cost is \$225.00 with the replacement being performed during the time the field staff will be working in the area.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to authorize the chairman to sign the proposal from O'Keefe Elevator Company, Inc. for the backup battery replacement of the courthouse elevator. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The resignation from Janice Stratman, County Treasurer, that was submitted at the last meeting was discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to accept the resignation of Janice Stratman, Clay County Treasurer as of June 30, 2013 with appreciation and thanks. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

The board discussed changing the board meeting hours on the days that the board is scheduled to review and approve the claims. The current process does not allow for adequate time to review the claims prior to approval.

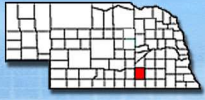
Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to change the meeting hours of the regularly scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday following the 20th of the month to 8:00 A.M. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; nay: Anderson and Johnson. Motion carried.

Pam Maynard and Dennis Valentine, representing the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations for amounts that they feel are justifiable for the requests. The purpose of the committee is not to fund whole requests but to help fill in some gaps. They review the requests to make sure that they conform to the promotion and improvement guidelines. Initially the committee was going to take requests twice a year but have decided to only do it once a year because of the availability of funds.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Clay County Tourism Committee's recommendations concerning the request for funding for Improvements and Promotion. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Bruce Rumsey, Weed Superintendent handed out a Fact Sheet from the Nebraska Weed Control Association on Sericea Lespedeza. The Nebraska Invasive Species Council recently completed a Weed Risk Assessment of sericea lespedeza. The results showed sericea lespedeza had a very high risk to invade almost 98% of land in Nebraska. It is now present in 31 states and has been declared a noxious weed in Kansas and Colorado. Making this a noxious weed statewide will allow County Weed Authorities to learn how to identify and spot new infestations and eliminate small infestations before they become widespread. The board will receive a questionnaire asking for support in declaring this a noxious weed.

The notice that was placed in the paper last year concerning the courthouse policy during bad weather will be sent to the paper for publication as well as being put on the website. The board decided that if the area schools have a late start or are closed, a notice will be put on TV and radio stations stating the county offices will have a late opening of 10:00 A.M. An email will be sent to employees advising them to watch for the notices on TV or listen to KHAS radio. It was



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decided to have the notice advise the public to call ahead to insure the offices are open during bad weather.

Janis Johnson, Director Clay County Health Department was present for an evaluation. Janis brought the evaluations she had received from the Clay County Health Board. Janis was asked if she had any concerns or future plans for her department. She said everything is going fine and the main thing she would like the board to remember is the need for the department in the County. Janis also asked the board to write a letter explaining the impact the Health Care Reform bill is having on the children's vaccine program. Those with insurance are no longer able to take advantage of the departments vaccine clinics. Instead of paying the \$3.00 charge for a vaccine, they now have to go to the doctor, pay for an office visit plus the vaccine cost. Janis is afraid this may result in children not receiving necessary vaccinations. The board asked Janis if she would draft a letter for them.

The fee reports for October and November 2012 for the Sheriff's office were distributed. Motion by Nuss and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the County Sheriff for the months of October 2012 in the amount of \$2,604.34 and November 2012 in the amount of \$3,389.14. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

In reviewing the claims, it was noted that funds would need to be transferred in order to pay all the bills. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to adopt Resolution #12-19 transferring \$160,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-19

The Clay County Board of Supervisors find that it is necessary for the proper operation of Clay County government that certain funds be transferred in order that they be available for general use.

Whereby it is hereby resolved by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that \$160,000.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund as a loan to be paid back when funds are available.

Adopted this 21st day of December 2012

ATTEST: Deborah Karnatz
Clay County Clerk

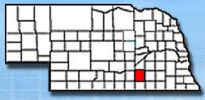
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The Highway Superintendent returned with the road work report. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of December 2012. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried

Wages for the appointed officials were discussed.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to give the Highway Superintendent \$130.00 a month increase in salary effective January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to give the Custodian \$104.00 a month increase effective January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.



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Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to give the Weed Superintendent \$300.00 a month increase effective January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to give the Zoning Administrator a 60 cent an hour raise effective January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; nay: Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw to give the Health Director 65 cents an hour raise effective January 1, 2013. Died for lack of a second.

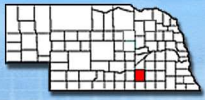
Motion by Nuss and seconded by Anderson to give the Health Director 60 cents an hour raise effective January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel; abstain: Shaw. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to give the Emergency Management Coordinator \$200.00 a month increase effective January 1, 2013. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to approve the claims and authorize the County Clerk to issue warrants on the respective funds. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

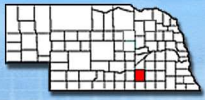
Employees, Full Time Wage	\$70,618.80
ABC Seamless, Repairs	550.00
Adams County Sheriff, Service	37.00
AFLAC, Insurance	793.14
Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement, Vision	11,700.71
Gene Arnold, Prior Service	7.00
AS Central, Service	51.00
Ask Supply Co., Supplies	1,114.50
Jarrod Aspegren, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
Aspegren Repair, Repairs	199.13
Aurora Coop Elevator, Supplies	18.64
Auto glass Experts, Repair	165.00
Baird & Griess, Wireless, Supplies, Copies	683.75
Barb Barnett, Mileage, Meal	244.48
Beyke Signs, Signs	765.00
Big Daddy's Diner, Meals	41.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	38,808.26
Donna Boeka, Prior Service	12.00
Bottorf & Maser, Service	675.00
Linda Brady, Juror Fee, Mileage	51.65
Alfun Brown, Juror Fee, Mileage	44.99
Business World, Supplies	5.00
Butler County Court, Supplies	2.00
Carey's, Spraying	80.00



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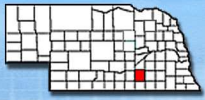
Cash-Wa Candy, Supplies	227.81
Clay Center Market, Supplies	691.98
Clay County News, Ads	328.34
Clay County Sheriff, Service	27.61
Clay County Treasurer, Postage, RE Taxes	17,185.32
Clerk of the Dist Court, Fees	422.00
Clerk of the Supreme Court, Service	300.00
Colonial Life, Insurance	55.00
Connecting Point, Parts & Labor, Internet	987.00
Consolidated Management Co., Service	119.50
Corner Market, Supplies	237.55
Cornerstone Bank, Withholding, Rent	25,348.62
Jack Cox, Mileage	11.05
CPI, Fuel	1,673.51
Credit Management Services, Garnishment	322.70
Creighton Medical Laboratories, Service	222.07
Culligan's of Hastings, Rent	67.65
Discover Bank, Garnishment	362.64
Division of Comm., Service	448.00
Douglas County Health Center, Fees	250.00
Eakes, Supplies	2,045.59
Ivan Fintel, Mileage	104.90
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	2,939.26
Christine Flesner, Prior service	12.00
Four Rivers Sportsman's Club, Dues	150.00
Carla Flower, Mileage	28.86
Friesen Chevrolet, Service	39.06
Steven Gemar, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
George's 66 Service, Fuel	437.46
Lawrence Griess, Prior service	10.00
Janet Hajny, Prior Service	25.00
Hall County Sheriff, Service	39.51
Hastings Tribune, Ads	57.62
Donna Hill, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
Janie Hinrichs, Juror Fees, Mileage	48.32
Holiday Inn, Lodging	1,993.95
Natalie Holmen, Supplies	12.03
Hometown Leasing, Rent	1,186.90
Ruth Huber, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
David J Jaskiorny LLC, Service	900.00
Gary L Johnson, Mileage	98.44
Joan Johnson, Juror Fees, Mileage	42.77
Deb Karnatz, Supplies, Mileage	19.80
Eugene Kroger, Juror Fees, Mileage	44.99
Lancaster County Sheriff, Service Fees	55.77



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Law Enforcement Training Center, Training	162.00
LCL Truck Equipment, Supplies	370.80
Sherrill Marcotte, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
Madison National Insurance Services Inc, Ins.	45.26
Robert Matticks, Prior service	25.00
Midwest Process Service, Service	55.60
MIPS, Support	3,277.96
NACO, Dues	400.00
NACO, Registration, Dues	1,630.95
NE Dept of Labor, Inspections	283.00
Nationwide, 457 Plan	425.00
NE Health & Human Services, Lincoln, Beatrice	180.00
Danalee Nelson, Mileage	115.44
Nobalee Nelson, Juror Fees, Mileage	42.77
NIRMA, Deduction	4,660.95
Northeast NE Juvenile Service, Boarding	4,462.50
Corinne Nuss, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
Todd Nuss, Mileage	96.57
O'Keefe Elevator Co., Maintenance	281.07
Deanna Peshek, Mileage	99.90
Sarah Peshek, Cleaning	500.00
Platte Valley Comm. of Hastings, Supplies, Repairs	1,013.50
Protex Central Inc., Service	70.00
Quartermaster, Supplies	129.35
Jenny Rees, Phone	50.00
Radwen Inc., Service	1,000.00
Ramada Inn, Lodging	189.90
Region 3 Behavioral Services, 3rd Qtr	3,458.76
Reliable Office Supplies, Supplies	15.15
Daniel Russell, Juror Fees, Mileage	50.54
Eric Samuelson, Mileage	55.50
Gerald Schmidt, Mileage	83.25
Secretary of State, Supplies	40.00
Seiler & Parker, Service	580.50
Kevin Sherman, Juror Fees, Mileage	51.65
Sherwin Williams, Paint	49.98
Joni Skalka, Meals, Mileage	107.67
Source Gas, Utilities	1,073.70
South Central Public Power, Utilities	1,687.28
Cindy Strasheim, Mileage	224.22
Janice Stratman, Mileage, Meals	136.59
Sullivan, Shoemaker PC LLO, Service	2,600.00
Superior INET, Service	39.99
Sutton Electric, Service	1,286.36
Loren Uden, Supplies	59.96



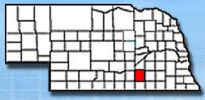
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Dianne Ulrich, Juror Fees, Mileage	49.43
US Bank, Registration, Supplies, Fuel	422.50
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phones	293.32
Wal-Mart, Supplies	174.37
Holli Weber, Mileage	77.70
Webster County Sheriffs Office, Service	46.16
Whelan & Scherr, Glen & Mead, Service	199.50
Linda Whiting, Mileage, Supplies	123.09
Windstream, Service	1,421.32
Woodward's, Garbage	105.00

ROAD FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$34,298.68
AFLAC, Insurance	343.59
Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement, Vision	5,342.26
Aurora Coop Elevator, Supplies	139.83
Mike Baxa, Supplies	55.63
Beck's Farm Equipment, Inc., Supplies	808.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	828.18
City of Edgar, Utilities, Repairs	62.00
City of Fairfield, Utilities	32.65
City of Harvard, Utilities	48.00
City of Sutton, Utilities	30.22
Clay Center Lumber, Supplies	99.25
Clay Center Market, Supplies	59.85
Clay County News, Ads, Subscription	84.90
Clay County Treasurer, Titles	20.00
Colonial Life, Insurance	36.32
Connecting Point, Internet	38.50
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	12,206.02
Cornhusker Cleaning Systems, Supplies	59.95
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Supplies	4,997.76
Ed Hoevet Excavating, Service	130,246.83
Fastenal. Supplies	109.74
Filter Care of NE, Supplies	141.10
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	80.00
Friesen Chevrolet, Service	7,890.38
George Bros., Fuel	12,660.04
George's 66 Service, Fuel	94.87
Grace's Locksmith Service, Supplies	114.00
Holiday Inn, Lodging	94.95
Island Supply & Welding, Supplies	87.50
Ken & Al's Service Inc., Fuel	3,480.72
Kenesaw Motor Co., Supplies	187.60
Kirkham Michael, Engineering	8,457.76



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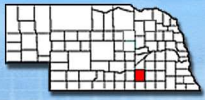
Krieger Electric Co., Service	276.94
Kully Pipe & Steel, Repair	494.96
Lawson Products, Supplies	218.46
Lone Oak Metal Works, Labor	176.00
Madison National Insurance Services Inc, Ins.	22.20
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Parts & Labor	8,975.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co., Supplies	1,558.90
Murphy Power Plan, Parts	169.36
Napa Auto Parts, Parts	205.01
NCS Equipment Inc., Rental	1,232.00
NE Truck Center, Parts	173.66
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs	1,412.00
NMC Exchange, Supplies, Labor & Parts	8,022.47
Oregon Trail, Supplies	75.43
Orschlen, Supplies	452.79
Paramount Linen & Uniforms, Supplies	72.64
Platte Valley Comm. of Hastings, Supplies, Repairs	506.00
R & K Service, Fuel	1,158.10
Ridgway Repair, Parts & Labor	553.13
Tom Roemmich, Fuel	40.02
SD Davenport GP, Fuel	58.61
Source Gas, Utilities	4,918.91
South Central Public Power, Utilities	239.38
Sutton Lumber, Supplies	85.74
Theis Inspection Services LLC, Service	2,342.05
Theis Construction Inc., Service	62,500.65
Thermo King Christensen, Service	162.00
Village of Trumbull, Rent	2,100.00
Wicks, Supplies	222.98
Windstream, Service	99.95
Woodward's, Garbage	42.50

SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUND

Adams County Diversion, Treatment	\$2,000.00
Kearney/Buffalo County CASA, Grant	750.00
Phelps/Harlan County CASA, Grant	750.00
Probation, Grant	2,000.00
Carissa Uhrmacher, Admin. Exp.	687.15

HEALTH FUND

Employees, Full Time Wage	\$5,762.44
Ameritas Life Ins., Retirement	985.77
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins.	897.69
Eleanor Clark, Mileage	486.74
Clay County New, Ads	48.80



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Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	2,472.06
Culligan's of Hastings, Supplies	31.65
Eakes, Supplies	33.04
First Concord Benefits Group, Sec. 125	125.00
Janis Johnson, Mileage	208.68
Sanofi Pasteur Inc., Vaccine	159.48
St of NE Dept of HHS, License	650.00
Wal-Mart, Supplies	90.88
Windstream, Service	169.97

E911 FUND

Windstream, Service	618.49
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WEED FUND

Employee, Full Time Wage	\$2,246.80
AFLAC, Insurance	104.00
Ameritas Life Ins Co., Retirement	364.90
Beck's Farm Equipment, Maintenance	89.39
Connecting Point, Internet	28.50
Cornerstone Bank, Withholdings	1,028.96
CPI, Fuel	166.16
Holiday Inn, Lodging	94.95
South Central Public Power, Utilities	88.22
Windstream, Service	47.42

911 FUND

Connecting Point, Internet	\$68.50
ERC Communications, Rent	420.00
Platte Valley Comm. Of Hastings, Supplies	8,268.75
Windstream, Service	277.87

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to adjourn this meeting at 12:37 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for January 15, 2013. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman